

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,652,757 to Carver ("Carver") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,904,902 to Tamai et al. ("Tamai"); and allowed claims 14-17.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 14 and 15 to improve readability, and have canceled claims 5-11. Claims 1-4, 12, 13, and 14-19 remain pending in this application, of which claims 14-17 are currently presented for examination.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 5-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and submit that this rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of the claims.

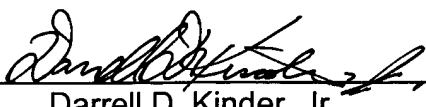
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 14-17. Because all pending claims presented for examination have been allowed, Applicants respectfully request that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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